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Why Go Back to Geneva?

The Geneva conference is to get under way again in a week. As you know, this was the meeting which was supposed to do something about the Berlin crisis – and pave the way for a summit meeting. Everybody agrees that the first part of the meeting, which recessed a couple of weeks ago – was a dismal failure. Why, then, are we going back?

Secretary of State Herter made a report on his meetings with the Russian, British and French ministers. He himself said frankly that the Reds showed no inclination to reach a settlement on Berlin. They only wanted to make threats and create propaganda for themselves. In plain English, the conference collapsed. And this is what will happen to any conference we hold with the Reds – unless, of course, we make concessions to Khrushchev. Meantime, he has nothing to lose, because every time the Western leaders sit down with him or his henchmen, he

gains badly needed respectability.

Why, then, did we agree to continue the conference? Why did not Secretary Herter simply say to Gromyko: We're getting nowhere. I and my government are not going to supply you and your boss with this propaganda show any longer. I'm going home and I'm not coming back.

This did not happen because, once again, we were hamstrung by one of our European allies, with whose fortunes we have permitted ourselves to become entangled. Prime Minister Macmillan of Great Britain is very anxious to have a summit meeting with Khrushchev. Macmillan has his own reasons for this. They are partly political, and partly economic. Macmillan is being needled by his leftist Labor opposition at home; and Britain has her eye on Red trade. Evidently Macmillan was able to bring pressure to get us back into the conference. I think it might be an excellent idea if we told Britain that we are getting tired of playing the patsy in these international dealings. We ought to say to her: If you want to make deals with the Reds – go ahead. But leave us out. We are going to do what is best for the United States. And this does not include dancing to the tune of British politics and trade needs. Nor does it include providing a propaganda forum for the Reds.

How long will it take our leaders to realize that this is the only safe course for America?

The Vultures Pounce

I mentioned last week the publication of a book about the late Senator Joe McCarthy. As I told you, it is the most vicious smear job I have even seen in my life – and I have seen some pretty bad ones. Incidentally, I have no intention of dignifying this slanderous diatribe by mentioning either the name of the book, the author, or the publisher. The publisher, by the way, is an old and heretofore highly respected house. I'll come back to this subject of publishing houses in a moment. As for the author, he was once an editor of the communist magazine *New Masses.* He also worked for the far left-wing magazine *The Nation.* Now he's known as a "liberal" – one of that large batch of fuzzy-minded individuals who bathe themselves in a sea of hatred –

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hatred of all those who fight the Reds and their dupes.

However, what interested me particularly was the reception given this smelly hatchet-job by the "liberal"-leftist reviewers and commentators who are entrenched in many of our supposedly reliable newspapers and magazines. They greeted this comprehensive smear of Senator McCarthy with glee and happiness. You would almost think they had been waiting around — ever since the Senator's death — for someone to tear his corpse to shreds and hand each of them a piece to crow over. These vultures of the printed page included, of course, the reviewers of the book in the New York *Times.* They also included the reviewers in the New York *Herald-Tribune,* plus its eminently lofty columnist, Mr. Walter Lippmann. Then there were a number of lesser lights of the so-called "liberal" world — a professor at Princeton University, for instance, who recently had his students rewrite the Constitution of the United States. And of course there was the inevitable Harvard professor who calls himself a "historian." All joined in lavish praise — almost as though a button were pushed to make them jump — of this thoroughly rotten job on a man whose only crime was that he hated communists — and wanted to rout them out of the American government.

Now it would be easy to understand this unstinted praise — considering its source — if it concerned a soberly critical book about Senator McCarthy. But what these men have done is to put the stamp of approval of the journals and universities they represent, on a book which is a tissue of falsehoods, innuendo and vicious name-calling. Had they wanted to be fair to themselves, their employers and their readers — and if they were not blinded by their own hatred — all they had to do was a little checking. In fact, it

is beyond belief that some of them did not recognize the falsehoods in the book. Even a biased reviewer who wanted to be fair would have pointed to these gross inaccuracies, or would have dismissed the whole thing for what it is – a deliberately planned libel of a man who cannot fight back. For instance, one of the favorite canards of the author of this book is that Senator McCarthy drank himself to death. What is the smearer's proof? That during his last days he was seen "lurching" down the corridors of the Senate Office Building. Was it too much trouble for the writer – or his sycophantic reviewers – to discover what was known to many others: that Senator McCarthy's so-called "lurch" was due to a steel brace on a very painful leg?

Behind the Facade

The question naturally arises – if this smear job is as bad as I say it is, why was it published by a respectable publishing house? I cannot answer for the particular company which issued this book. It is, as I said, an old company and a once highly respected one. In fact, some years ago, when it was still in the hands of its founders, it published several of my own books. But the publishing business, like every other means of communication and opinion in America, has been heavily infiltrated by the Reds and their dupes. I do not say this is true of this particular publisher, because I do not know. But perhaps the following item about another old and respected publishing house will interest you.

The head of this firm (it is not the same firm which published the smear on Senator McCarthy) likes to call himself a "conservative." Just the same, not long ago he published a defense of the convicted perjurer Alger Hiss. Now he has hired a new editor. This new editor has been a sponsor of more than 30 communist-front outfits. He hid behind the Fifth Amendment on two occasions, when asked about his Red connections. Before he got his new job as editor of this so-called "conservative" publishing house, he was in partnership with a man whom the Senate Internal Security Committee has just labeled a leading Red in the pay of Soviet Russia. The two partners issued a book defending the executed atom spies, Julius

and Ethel Rosenberg. Now the man who made up one-half of this partnership is to choose and edit books behind the facade of an old-established American publisher.

But to get back to the author and publisher of the smear job on Senator McCarthy. Perhaps it will turn out they were not quite so safe as they thought in choosing a dead man as their victim. *National Review* reports that Roy Cohn, who was Senator McCarthy's counsel, will file suit against this author and publisher for defamation.

— *John T. Flynn*

Foregoing items covered in Mutual network broadcast 7/5/59

BOOK REVIEW

To Surpass Ourselves

THE UNCOMMON MAN *by Crawford H. Greenewalt, 142 pages, McGraw-Hill, N.Y. $4.00.*

If you have had your fill of "organization men," "conforming" Americans, "status seekers;" if you are fed up with pictures (so beloved of TV scriptwriters) of American business as a "corporate jungle," then Mr. Greenewalt's provocative little book is for you.

The tone of these brief essays is established in one short sentence: "The story of America is the story of common men who, whatever their goals, were inspired to uncommon levels of accomplishment." The author is himself a very uncommon man, one even our pigeon-holing "liberals" would find it hard to push into a file marked "Conformists." His chapters flow with an easy prose spiced with touches of humor. He runs the giant E. I. duPont de Nemours Company as its president. He has prepared a definitive study of the life and habits of the humming bird. He also holds 18 patents in his own field of chemistry.

But the point of Mr. Greenewalt's book is that, given the free air of America, with the incentives which induce a man to surpass his own expectations, the effect of the large corporation on the individual is much less important than the effect of the

individual on the corporation. The author recognizes, of course, the dangers in the huge organizations which have become a necessity in our modern life. But, using the du Pont Company as an example, it is obvious that now, as always, *in a free society,* it is the individual who makes the organization and not the reverse. And it follows naturally that a business organization, large or small, interested in survival and success, must always encourage the discovery and elevation of the uncommon man.

It is refreshing to find Mr. Greenewalt condemning our wicked tax system not only for all the other sound reasons, but chiefly for what he calls "the great American paradox." We admire and reward with cheers and applause great achievements in every field. But we take away, via the income tax, the financial reward which provides the incentive for the achievement. We might add that down *that* road lies the conformity about which the "liberal" defenders of progressive taxation prattle so glibly. Or, as Mr. Greenewalt points out, if we "equalize" financial reward, why not other values – why not cover up Kim Novak and Brigitte Bardot to equalize "their competitive edge over less fortunate sisters?" Or rule that Heifetz and Menuhin "be required to play slightly off-key lest they put to shame less able contemporaries?"

We are penalizing our "uncommon" people. If the day ever arrives when it is no longer worth bothering to be other than common – then God help us!

– *Rosalie Gordon*

Communism's Secret Weapon

"Every time we produce a boy or girl who is trained to believe that the universe is the product of accumulated accident, that human beings are only graduate beasts, that there is no such thing as innate right or wrong or that deep spiritual convictions are old-fashioned and unnecessary, then we have caused a casualty among our own ranks in the field of ideological warfare. Without his ever knowing it, a young American is thereby trained to be a potential Red ally. This is indeed the great secret weapon of communism."

– *W. Cleon Skousen in THE NAKED COMMUNIST*

Teaching Trivia Trips Along

"Mount San Antonio College (California) offers a course for credit called Hope Chest 61A and 61B, held at the college's modern practice home, where girls 'can experience the various phases of home living,' including instruction in the selection and upkeep of linen, silver, home appliances, and the planning of the wedding, the wedding party, and the trousseau.

"The same college also offers a course titled Modern Hostess 65A and 65B which includes instruction in preparing quick luncheons, entertaining, and planning special menus for holidays.

"As part of the course in Home and Family Living, the Hanover Park (N.J.) High School held a mock 'wedding,' complete with bride and groom, clergyman, parents, punch, and 'miniature chicken-salad puffs.' Florida is introducing this custom at the fourth-grade level. According to the Miami *Herald,* members of that class at the South Hialeah Elementary School recently held a night wedding."

— *Bulletin of the Council for Basic Education*

"The real price of everything is the toil and trouble of acquiring it."
— *Adam Smith*

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